

REMARKS

In the Office Action of September 18, 2003, the Examiner has stated that the oath/declaration must identify the post office address, including ZIP code designation, for each inventor. Attached hereto is a newly executed declaration, including both the residence address of each inventor, and the post office address of each inventor.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 13, 18 and 20 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Ooms. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 13, 14, 17, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Botros '789 in view of either Gundlach et al or Moffatt et al. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Botros '789 in view of either Gundlach et al or Moffatt et al, and further in view of Kashiwazaki et al. Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Botros '789 in view of either Gundlach et al or Moffatt et al, and further in view of Kashiwazaki et al and Kitamura et al. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Botros '789 in view of either Gundlach et al or Moffatt et al, and further in view of Hayes. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9-14, 17, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Botros '512 in view of either Gundlach et al or Moffatt et al. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Botros '512 in view of either Gundlach et al or Moffatt et al, and further in view of Kashiwazaki et al. and Kitamura et al. Kashiwazaki et al. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Botros '512 in view of either Gundlach et al or Moffatt et al, and further in view of Hayes.

The Office Action of September 18, 2003, has been carefully considered and by this amendment, entry of which is respectfully requested, claims 1, 5, 7-14 and 17-20 remain in the application; claims 3 and 4 have been canceled; and claim 1 has been amended. The amendments do not add new matter.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has stated that claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has stated that none of the references disclose ethoxylated polyethyleneimine in an amount of about 5%. Independent claim 1 has been amended to claim the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner. In light of the amendment to the single independent claim 1, and the remarks by the Examiner regarding the allowable subject matter of claim 4, it is submitted that the cited art does not teach, anticipate, or render obvious the invention of Applicants, as now claimed.

Claims 5, 7-14 and 17-20 depend from independent claim 1 to contain all of the limitations found therein. By this dependency, it is submitted that these claims are not anticipated, taught, or rendered obvious by the cited documents since none of the references cited teach or suggest the use of ethoxylated polyethyleneimine in an amount of about 5%. Additionally, these claims add further limitations which distinguish them patentably from the cited documents. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5, 7-14 and 17-20 under 35 USC §102(b) and/or 35 USC §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the undersigned attorney respectfully submits that all of the claims of the application are clearly allowable. Therefore,

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Applicant's attorney respectfully requests that the Examiner's objections and rejections be withdrawn and that a formal Notice of Allowance be issued thereon.

If it is believed that an interview would serve to facilitate prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney. Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to any matter now of record, Applicants' attorney may be reached at (937) 592-8603.

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